

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JULY AS  
NATIONAL PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs benefits from hundreds of parks, miles of trails and thousands of acres of open space as well as one 14,115-foot mountain managed by the Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department; and

WHEREAS, Pikes Peak – America’s Mountain is only one example of the many ways that parks and recreation benefit our community by providing a variety of accessible ways to recreate and experience the mountain’s diverse flora and fauna that includes hiking, biking, driving and riding a train; and

WHEREAS, our parks and recreation areas create enormous economic value through increased tourism as evidenced by the upward trending visitation at Garden of the Gods Park and Pikes Peak – America’s Mountain with millions of dollars added to the local economy each and every year; and

WHEREAS, Pikes Peak – America’s Mountain is just one example of our community’s commitment to sustainable practices onsite as well as throughout our park system including conservation of water through water harvesting and management practices as well as improved air quality through reduced carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs recognizes the need to partner with the community in supporting and investing in these resources to ensure the benefits derived from its parks, recreation and cultural resources continue for those who experience this fantastic quality of life today as well as for our future generations of tomorrow.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. That City Council recognizes the great societal value of the community’s entire park system as well as the vital contributions of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services’ employees and volunteers as July is designated Park and Recreation Month in the City of Colorado Springs.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

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Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk